

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An operating method for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order, the method comprising:

sequentially displaying, on a display device, plural setting frames provided to the plural items; and

displaying all of the plural items in a single frame of the display device when one of the plural setting frames is displayed, wherein items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display device so as to be distinguishable from one another.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 1, wherein values which have been set are displayed for the items which have been already set.

4. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 1, wherein an operation of displaying a setting frame for an item which has been already set is allowed to be carried out when one of the plural setting frames is displayed.

5. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the setting frame for the item which has been already set is displayed, the setting for the item is carried out, and the setting frame being displayed is automatically restored to a previous setting frame which is displayed just before the setting frame for the item which has been already set is displayed.

6. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 5, wherein when the setting frame is restored to the previous setting frame, a state which has been just previously set is maintained.

7. (Currently Amended) An operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in predetermined order, comprising:

a storage unit that stores plural setting frames provided to the respective plural items; and

a control unit that displays all of the plural items in a single frame of a display when one of the plural setting frames is displayed wherein items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 7, wherein values which have been already set are displayed for the items which have been already set.

10. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 7, wherein an operation of displaying a setting frame for an item which has been already set is allowed to be carried out when one of the plural setting frames is displayed.

11. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 7, wherein a setting frame for an item which has been already set is displayed, the setting for the item is carried out, and the setting frame being displayed is automatically restored to a previous setting frame which is displayed just before the setting frame for the item which has been already set is displayed.

12. (Previously Presented) The operating method as claimed in claim 11, wherein when the setting frame is restored to the previous setting frame, a state which has been just previously set is maintained.

13. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus having an operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in predetermined order, the image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit that stores plural setting frames provided to the respective plural items; and

a control unit that displays all of the plural items in a single frame of a display when one of the plural setting frames is displayed wherein items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another.

14. (Currently Amended) An operating method for sequentially performing settings for plural items in predetermined order to perform settings for a processor, the method comprising the steps of:

carrying out a processing operation of the processor on the basis of the contents set for the plural items;

displaying all the plural items in a single frame of a display wherein items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another; and

maintaining the contents set for the plural items.

15. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 14, wherein after the processing operation of the processor is executed, an instruction can be provided as to whether the contents set for the plural items are maintained or the contents set are cleared.

16. (Currently Amended) An operating method for sequentially performing settings for plural items in predetermined order to perform the setting for a processor, the method comprising:

enabling provision of instruction by a user for all the settings for the plural items to be initial settings; and

a single frame of a display wherein all of the items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another.

17. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the instruction is provided on an initial frame.

18. (Currently Amended) An operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in predetermined order to perform settings for a processor, the device comprising:

a holding unit that holds contents set for the plural items after the processing operation of the processor is carried out on the basis of the contents set for the plural items; and

a single frame of a display wherein all of the items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another.

19. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:

an instructing unit that makes an instruction as to whether the contents set for the plural items are maintained or the contents set are cleared after the processing operation of the processor is executed.

20. (Currently Amended) An operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in predetermined order to perform settings for a processor, the device comprising:

an instructing unit that instructs all the settings for the plural items to be initial settings based on a user command; and

a single frame of a display wherein all of the items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another.

21. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the instructing unit is displayed on an initial frame.

22. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus having an operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in predetermined order to perform the setting for a processor, the image processing apparatus comprising:

a holding unit that holds contents set for the plural items after the processing operation of the image processing apparatus is executed on the basis of the contents set for the plural items; and

a single frame of a display unit that displays all the plural items wherein items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another.